



[Docket No. CP20-484-000; CP20-485-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Lakes Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Alberta Xpress and Lease Capacity Abandonment Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Alberta Xpress and Lease Capacity Abandonment Projects, proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) and Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (GLGT) in Docket Nos. CP20-484-000 and CP20-485-000, respectively. ANR proposes to construct and operate one new greenfield compressor station (designated as the Turkey Creek Compressor Station) and modify a mainline valve in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, and acquire a lease agreement between ANR and GLGT. ANR has executed binding precedent agreements with two shippers to transport up to 165,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas. GLGT proposes to abandon firm capacity by a lease agreement with ANR. No new construction is proposed as part of the Lease Capacity Abandonment Project; however, this is related to the application filed by ANR to construct and operate the Alberta Xpress Project.

The draft EIS responds to comments that were received on the Commission's December 4, 2020 environmental assessment (EA),¹ provides additional discussion of climate change impacts in the region, and discloses downstream greenhouse gas emissions for the projects. With the exception of climate change impacts, the FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed projects, with the mitigation measures recommended in this EIS, would not result in significant environmental impacts. FERC staff continues to be unable to determine significance with regards to climate change impacts.

The draft EIS incorporates the above-referenced EA, which addressed the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Turkey Creek

¹ The project's EA is available on eLibrary under accession no. 20201204-3004.

Compressor Station and modifications to a mainline valve. The Turkey Creek Compressor Station would include the following facilities:

- one 15,900 horsepower gas-fired turbine compressor;
- three inlet filter separators;
- three discharge gas cooling bays;
- 36-inch-diameter suction and discharge piping;
- 16-inch-diameter cold recycle valves and piping;
- 16-inch-diameter unit control valve and bypass piping; and
- related appurtenant facilities.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Alberta Xpress and Lease Capacity Abandonment Projects* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the Alberta Xpress Project area. The draft EIS is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the draft EIS may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search," and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field (i.e., CP20-484 and CP20-485). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The draft EIS is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so. Your comments should focus on the draft EIS's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, including climate impacts due to downstream greenhouse gas emissions, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. To ensure consideration of your comments on the proposal in the final EIS, it is important that the Commission receive your comments on or before 5:00 pm Eastern Time on **September 20, 2021**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

- 1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online.

This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

- 2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or
- 3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number(s) (CP20-484-000 and CP20-485-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR part 385.214). Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/ferc-online/how-guides>. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. **Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.**

Questions?

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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